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#### BATTER UP:

The Falcon baseball team wins home opener against Xavier in extra innings; **PAGE 6**

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## Fraternity found in violation

By Kara Hull  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

After more than 30 minutes of deliberation last night, the Judiciary Board of the Inter-Fraternity Council found a campus fraternity in violation of the organization's constitution for T-shirts produced for recruitment.

The shirts, created by members of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, depicted two boys holding hands with the slogan "If you like boys more ... rush the house next door."

The 11 Board members ruled that in the production of the shirts, members of SigEp did not "act with good judgment and in good faith to other Greek organizations, the University community and the Bowling Green community as a whole" as IFC's constitution states.

With the decision, the members now face sanctions including organizing a campus-wide clean-up effort on April 20 during the University's Greek Week and documenting for the Board the fraternity's completion of a six-step plan as arranged by their national chapter.

The clothing was called into question late last month by an English instructor who noticed a student wearing the shirt in class. The incident was brought to the attention of the BG News through a letter (which appeared in the March 5 edition) and was also sent to staff in the Office of Greek Affairs and other University officials.

Board members discussed the possible meanings that the T-shirt had on-campus with Jonathan Brown, chapter presi-

dent of SigEp and the three other SigEp members present at the hearing last night. Aside from homophobic concerns, the T-shirt could also be interpreted as an offense against SigEp's neighbors and rivals Phi Kappa Tau, said Matt Maurer, vice president of external affairs for IFC.

"In my personal opinion I interpreted the shirt as a slam on the house next door [Phi Kappa Tau]," he said. "I thought that it just didn't reflect good on the Greek community as a whole."

According to Brown, the original intention of the shirts was to make the distinction between young boys and the men that involvement in a fraternity—like SigEp—should produce. Though the design of the shirts was discussed among fraternity members for two weeks, Brown did not



Ashley Kuntz BG News

**HELD ACCOUNTABLE:** Matt Maurer, vice president of external affairs for IFC speaks to group members about the situation involving Sigma Phi Epsilon. The group has been found in violation, approve the final wording or visual to be used.

Brown reminded the Board last night that SigEp isn't the only

organization that has made a similar mistake.

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## BG NEWS BRIEFING

### Students involved in Union fight plead 'not guilty' charges

The two students cited for disorderly conduct and fighting Friday night at an after party celebration in the Union plead not guilty in municipal court on Monday.

Donald Hill, junior from Chicago, and Ugochukwu Nwosu, junior from Nigeria were the students cited. They appeared in court Monday with Michael Skulina, an attorney with Student Legal Services. Their court date has been set for April 26.

A total of four students were cited at the event when a fight broke out around 12:50 a.m. There were no weapons involved. The other two students, Jovon Burkes, senior, and Jenkins Reese, freshman, were cited for disorderly conduct and will appear in court April 14th.

According to Teri Sharp, director of media relations at the University, the University has already begun its investigation into the incident and the course of disciplinary action will run through the Office of Student Life. Jill Carr, associate dean of students will be handling the incident.

The students had been guests at Delta Sigma Theta's Jabberwock after party. Damages included smashing some glass tables, scratching of the Ballroom walls and hardwood floors. Sharp said damages have not been estimated yet but should be available soon.

Na Tasha Shabazz, vice president of the sorority who threw the event, said she hopes administrators will effectively handle the incident.

"On behalf of our organization and the Greek community we are deeply saddened by this event," Shabazz said. "We look to administrators to handle this to the best of their ability and to find a solution for future



By Miranda Bond  
REPORTER

As six performers took the stage at the Falcons Nest last night, they demanded the attention of their audience and everyone dining at the Union.

The performers were contestants in the American Idol BG Style competition sponsored by Delta Sigma Pi. The group held the event to raise money for Dance Marathon. Each contestant paid a registration fee of \$5. All of the money raised will go to support Dance Marathon.

"I think that it went fairly well, we were kind of worried that we only had five people sign up ... but, I'm happy with the turnout."

Around 30 people showed up just to watch the event. Many students who were dining in the Union also joined in the show and applauded for their favorite contestant.

The show began with each musician performing a song that they had picked to sing. Songs from various categories

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including Broadway and spiritual were performed.

The three judges critiqued each contestant and gave suggestions. Mostly they commented that they would have liked to have seen more of a performance out of everyone. They also offered suggestions on voice control.

"I was looking for, in addition to the vocal ability, performance," said judge Anna Brown.

After each contestant had a chance to perform and be judged, they each entered the second round which

allowed them to sing karaoke. Unlike the other round, now they had music to accompany them and lyrics in front of them.

Many of the performers came out of their shell and presented their showmanship skills during the second round. After everyone finished their performance, it was up to the audience to decide on a winner through applause.

Freshman, Chris Resor received the most applause and was named the BG Idol. As winner he received a prize package that included a makeover from Changing Times, a single recording, and an appearance at the pub in the Union.

"I'm excited about winning, but kind of nervous about the makeover," said Resor.

Resor is a vocal arts major. He said that he really did not prepare for the competition, but picked songs that he was familiar performing.

Delta Sigma Pi is hoping to make American Idol BG style an annual event as one of their many efforts to support Dance Marathon.



Julie DiFranco BG News

**SING IT GIRL:** Jennifer Finney, sophomore, performed at the BG Idol contest last night in the Union. Freshman Chris Resor was declared the winner for receiving the loudest applause.

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### Road closing update

Haskins Road between Wallace and Parker will be closed to all through traffic today.

The Bowling Green Water and Sewer Division will be performing sanitary maintenance in the area.

Work is anticipated for only one day.

### Baby in stolen car retrieved unharmed to worried mother

CLEVELAND (AP) — A carjacking involving a vehicle with a 4-month-old baby inside ended two hours later and about three miles away yesterday with the infant found safe.

Police issued an Amber Alert when Crystal Lempeck of Cleveland reported her Chevy Cavalier had been stolen from her driveway with her son inside.

## FORGET THE WINE



Julie DiFranco BG News

**YUM, BEER:** Members of the campus community and city enjoy a beer tasting at the Black Swamp Pub last night. Two of the beers at the tasting were Goose Island's Kilgubbin Red Ale and Great Lakes Brewing Company's Edmund Fitzgerald Porter.

## Ethics discussed by local journalists

By Gregory Barth  
REPORTER

Is it ethical to show a dead body in a newspaper? What about on TV? Do journalists have a responsibility to shelter the public from offensive images, or is it their duty to accurately portray them?

A group of distinguished media professionals met in the Union last night where they provided audience members an array of answers and insights into these inquiries in a discussion moderated by Diane Larson of "13 Action News."

The discussion began with each member of the five-person panel giving a brief explanation of what their job was, and then explaining different ethical dilemmas they have faced.

One of main topics that emerged was the issue of manipulating photographs.

Two recent photographs served as the focal point for the discussion — one a picture from the Madrid train

bombing which showed a severed femur, and the other a picture from the crane collapse in Toledo in which a dead body could be seen. The panel discussed the ethical considerations of printing photographs like these and explained the processes they went through when deciding what to run.

Panelist Brian Trauring, who serves as the news director for WTVG in Toledo, argued that the manipulation of photographs was unethical because it distorts what actually took place.

"It's about accuracy and honesty," Trauring said.

Others, such as Eva Parziale from the Associated Press, said photo manipulation is necessary because some pictures are just too graphic to appear in print.

"The AP spends a lot of time internally talking about pictures and stories, and we take a lot of care because

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### FOUR-DAY FORECAST

The four-day forecast is taken from weather.com

#### THURSDAY



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#### SATURDAY



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#### SUNDAY



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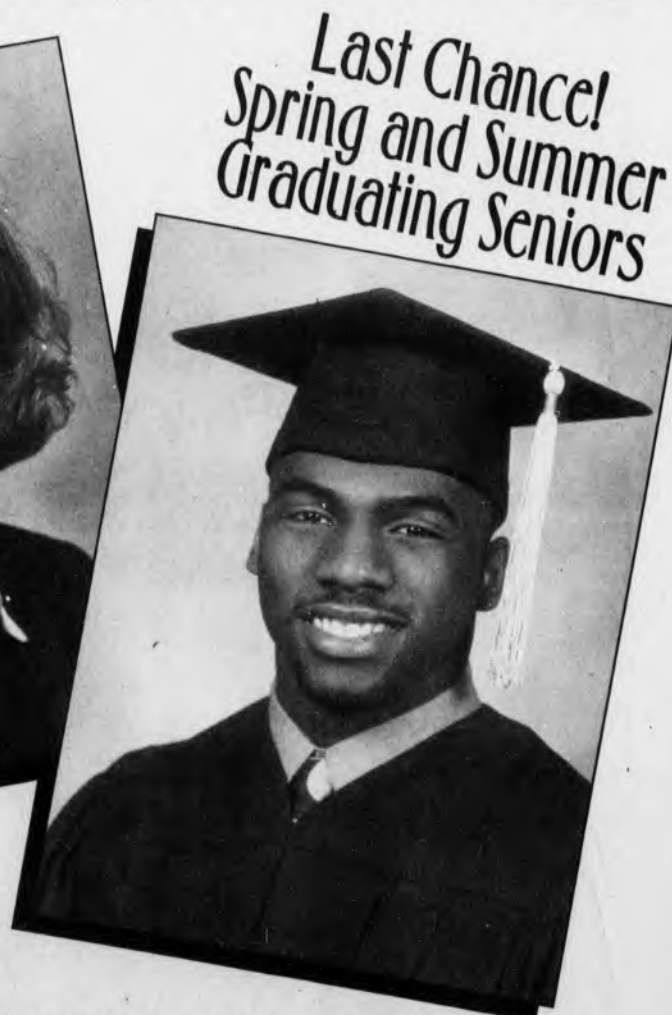
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# CAMPUS

## get a life

The calendar of events is taken from  
<http://www.bgsu.edu/calendar/calendar.html>

**10a.m.- 4p.m.**

BFA Senior Thesis Exhibition Exhibition sponsored by the Fine Arts Center Galleries. For more information on exhibitions, see web site at: <http://digitalarts.bgsu.edu/gallery/current.cfm>  
Dorothy Uber Bryan, Willard Wankelman and Bowen-Thompson Student Union Galleries

**11:30a.m.-1:30p.m.**

What Do You Care About? Week Awareness Displays Join representatives from a variety of student organizations and groups as they answer the question What Do YOU Care About? Awareness Booths will be set up for you to visit and explore some of the

issues on the minds of today's college students. There will be drawings for prizes throughout the event.  
Bowen-Thompson Student Union 202B-Community Room

**3:30- 5p.m.**

BGSU Campus Event Empowerment Group For women survivors of abusive dating relationships. This student support group is a space for women at all stages of recovery to discuss their experiences and the patterns of abuse, explore safety options, facilitate healing and learn to recognize cues to potentially abusive behaviors and relationships. Confidentiality is emphasized.

Sponsored by The Transformation Project. Please contact Rebecca Nichols at 372-2190 for more information. Meets every Wednesday from 3:30-5:00 p.m.  
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**7:30p.m.**

GUEST ARTIST LECTURE: WILLIAM BAILEY Noted American Painter William Bailey will present a public lecture in 117 Olscamp Hall at Bowling Green State University today at 7:30 P.M. The lecture is free. Contact: Diane Shearon 117 Olscamp Hall, BGSU

## Literary figures relate to daily life situations

By Mindy VanHouten  
REPORTER

"The Diary of Ann Frank", a story of the undying human spirit, was not just a book but a teaching tool for Erin Gruwell, a teacher at Woodrow Wilson High School in Long Beach, Calif. Gruwell used the story of Ann Frank and Romeo and Juliet among others to reach her students by relating her students' lives, filled with violence and despair, to the lives of literary figures.

Erin Gruwell, teacher and author of The Freedom Writers Diary, spoke last night on "Overcoming Adversity: Achieving Academic Excellence" as a part of the President's Lecture Series.

"When I was in college, I didn't know I wanted to be a teacher," Gruwell said. Gruwell went to college thinking she was going to be a lawyer, but that quickly changed when she witnessed the Los Angeles riots in response to the Rodney King verdict on television in May of 1992. Gruwell said she saw a man on television throw a molotov cocktail into a Circuit City store with his young son standing right beside him.

After watching the rioting on television and the boy watching his father cause destruction, Gruwell decided she was going to be a teacher.

"I realized then that education starts first and foremost in the home," Gruwell said. "I realized I didn't want to fight battles in the classroom, I wanted to fight for these kids."

After earning her master's degree in education, Gruwell at age 23, began teaching at Woodrow Wilson High School in the fall of 1994. Gruwell was in charge of 150 students. "All of the kids I had were freshmen that no one else wanted," Gruwell said. Gruwell said her students had disciplinary problems, low GPAs and had been around violent crimes their entire lives.

Gruwell decided the only way to reach these kids was through reading. When she suggested reading the required books listed on the syllabus, such as Homer, one of her students, Darius, raised his hand and asked, "Why do we have to read books by a bunch of dead white guys in tights?"

Darius' question got Gruwell thinking and she decided to ask her father for money so she

could buy her students books that could make a real difference in their lives. Gruwell bought each student "The Diary of Ann Frank" and "Zlata's Diary: A Child's Life in Sarajevo".

Darius, the same student who questioned her choice of books before, began proudly toting his new books around school. After each student was given their new books, the entire class had a "Toast of Change" with glasses of sparkling apple cider as right of passage celebrating their futures with their new books in hand.

The class soon became immersed in the diaries of Ann and Zlata and then Gruwell had another idea, she wanted her students to write in their own diaries and share their stories through the written word. The students soon began spending their evenings in the classroom typing on computers and off the streets.

Gruwell's class not only got their diaries published as a book, "The Freedom Writers Diary", but the class also got to meet Miepie Gies, the Dutch woman who provided a shelter for Ann Frank's family.

## THE BLOTTER

**Friday March 19**

Benjamin E. Hummel, Columbus Grove, Ohio, was cited for failure to yield to pedestrians in crosswalk on Thurstin Ave.

Christopher Wolkiewics, Holgate, Ohio, was cited for expired plates and no proof of insurance in the Kreisler lot.

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Green, Ohio, and Donald Hill, Chicago, Ill., were cited for disorderly conduct and fighting in the Union.

Jenkins Reese, Bowling Green, Ohio, and Javon Burkes, Bowling Green, Ohio, were cited for disorderly conduct in the Union. Court date: 4/14/04.

Victim was pepper sprayed in the Union. Officer adminis-

tered first aid. All OK.

Requestor advised there was an unwanted person in the kitchen of Kohl Hall. Subject will be referred to student discipline for trespassing and underage consumption.

Officers went to help city police officers with a fight in Founders Hall.

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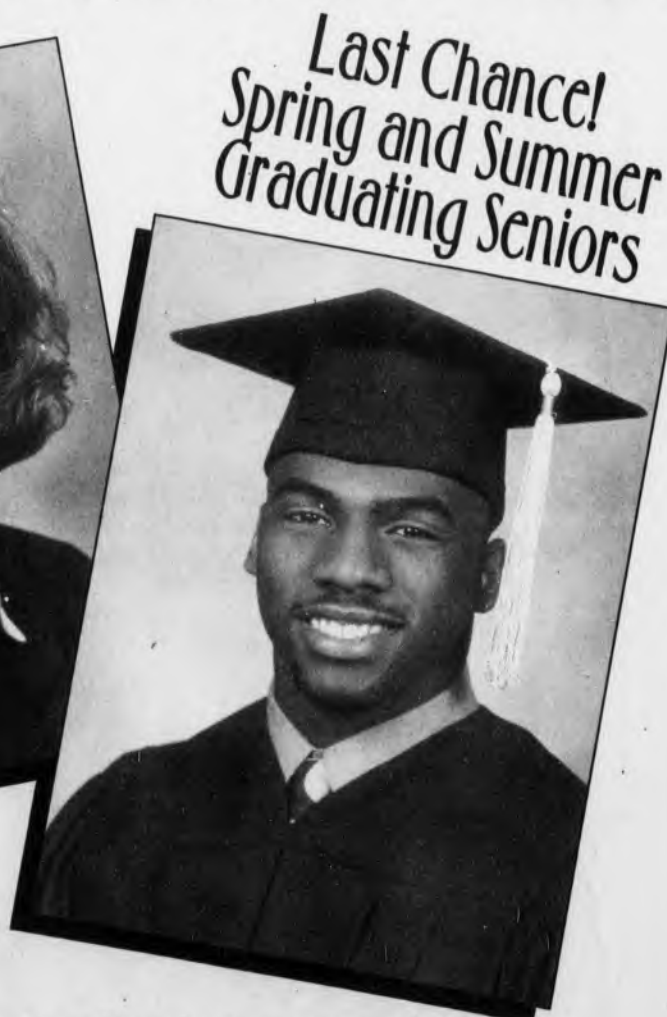
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# CAMPUS

## get a life

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**10a.m.- 4p.m.**

BFA Senior Thesis Exhibition  
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gallery/current.cfm  
Dorothy Ueber Bryan, Willard  
Wankelman and Bowen-  
Thompson Student Union  
Galleries

**11:30a.m.-1:30p.m.**

What Do You Care About?  
Week Awareness Displays  
Join representatives from a  
variety of student organizat-  
ions and groups as they  
answer the question What Do  
YOU Care About? Awareness  
Booths will be set up for you to  
visit and explore some of the

issues on the minds of today's  
college students. There will  
be drawings for prizes  
throughout the event.  
Bowen-Thompson Student  
Union 202B-Community  
Room

**3:30- 5p.m.**

BGSU Campus Event  
Empowerment Group  
For women survivors of abu-  
sive dating relationships. This  
student support group is a  
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University today at 7:30 P.M.  
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Contact: Diane Shearon  
117 Olscamp Hall, BGSU

## Literary figures relate to daily life situations

By Mindy VanHouten  
REPORTER

"The Diary of Ann Frank", a story of the undying human spir-  
it, was not just a book but a  
teaching tool for Erin Gruwell, a  
teacher at Woodrow Wilson High  
School in Long Beach, Calif.  
Gruwell used the story of Ann  
Frank and Romeo and Juliet  
among others to reach her stu-  
dents by relating her students'  
lives, filled of violence and  
despair, to the lives of literary fig-  
ures.

Erin Gruwell, teacher and  
author of The Freedom Writers  
Diary, spoke last night on  
"Overcoming Adversity:  
Achieving Academic Excellence"  
as a part of the President's  
Lecture Series.

"When I was in college, I didn't  
know I wanted to be a  
teacher," Gruwell said. Gruwell  
went to college thinking she was  
going to be a lawyer, but that  
quickly changed when she wit-  
nessed the Los Angeles riots in  
response to the Rodney King ver-  
dict on television in May of 1992.  
Gruwell said she saw a man on  
television throw a molotov f  
Cocktail into a Circuit City store  
with his young son standing  
right beside him.

After watching the rioting on  
television and the boy watching  
his father cause destruction,  
Gruwell decided she was going  
to be a teacher.

"I realized then that education  
starts first and foremost in the  
home," Gruwell said. "I realized I  
didn't want to fight battles in the  
classroom, I wanted to fight for  
these kids."

After earning her master's  
degree in education, Gruwell at  
age 23, began teaching at  
Woodrow Wilson High School in  
the fall of 1994. Gruwell was in  
charge of 150 students. "All of the  
kids I had were freshmen that no  
once else wanted," Gruwell said.  
Gruwell said her students had  
disciplinary problems, low GPAs  
and had been around violent  
crimes their entire lives.

Gruwell decided the only way  
to reach these kids was through  
reading. When she suggested  
reading the required books listed  
on the syllabus, such as Homer,  
one of her students, Darius,  
raised his hand and asked, "Why  
do we have to read books by a  
bunch of dead white guys in  
tights?"

Darius' question got Gruwell  
thinking and she decided to ask  
her father for money so she

could buy her students books  
that could make a real difference  
in their lives. Gruwell bought  
each student "The Diary of Ann  
Frank" and "Zlata's Diary: A  
Child's Life in Sarajevo".

Darius, the same student who  
questioned her choice of books  
before, began proudly toting his  
new books around school. After  
each student was given their  
new books, the entire class had a  
"Toast of Change" with glasses of  
sparkling apple cider as right of  
passage celebrating their futures  
with their new books in hand.

The class soon became  
immersed in the diaries of Ann  
and Zlata and then Gruwell had  
another idea, she wanted her  
students to write in their own  
diaries and share their stories  
through the written word. The  
students soon began spending  
their evenings in the classroom  
typing on computers and off the  
streets.

Gruwell's class not only got  
their diaries published as a book,  
"The Freedom Writers Diary",  
but the class also got to meet  
Miep Gies, the Dutch woman  
who provided a shelter for Ann  
Frank's family.

## THE BLOTTER

**Friday March 19**

Benjamin E. Hummel,  
Columbus Grove, Ohio, was  
cited for failure to yield to  
pedestrians in crosswalk on  
Thurstin Ave.

Christopher Wolkiewics,  
Holgate, Ohio, was cited for  
expired plates and no proof of  
insurance in the Kreisler lot.

Ugochukwu Nwosu, Bowling

Green, Ohio, and Donald Hill,  
Chicago, Ill., were cited for  
disorderly conduct and fight-  
ing in the Union.

Jenkins Reese, Bowling Green,  
Ohio, and Javon Burkes,  
Bowling Green, Ohio, were  
cited for disorderly conduct in  
the Union. Court date:  
4/14/04.

Victim was pepper sprayed in  
the Union. Officer adminis-

tered first aid. All OK.

Requestor advised there was  
an unwanted person in the  
kitchen of Kohl Hall. Subject  
will be referred to student dis-  
cipline for trespassing and  
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police officers with a fight in  
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## QUOTE UNQUOTE

*"If the jump doesn't kill him, I will."*

Former First Lady BARBARA BUSH, on her husband, George H. W. Bush, who plans to parachute on June 12 to celebrate his 80th birthday.

(newsweek.com)

www.bgnews.com/opinion

## OPINION

## Warning label may avoid suicides

U-wire | U. of South Florida

The Food and Drug Administration announced Monday that it will be placing bolder suicide-related warnings on the labels of 10 widely used antidepressant medications — whether they are administered for depression or not.

The U.S. government warned that doctors prescribing these medications should monitor

patients closely for warning signs, particularly if they are first starting the drug or the dosage is changed. While it is still undetermined as to whether the drugs are directly linked to suicidal behavior, it is a good idea to make the warnings prominent so consumers can become more aware of the possible side effects.

The British health authorities took similar action last year after

studies suggested serotonin-affecting antidepressants sometimes increase the risk of suicide in adolescents, as reported by the Associated Press.

"We specifically decided not to tell people not to use these drugs," Russell Katz, a director with the FDA Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, told WebMD Medical News. "We don't think that is necessary at

this point."

What is necessary, however, is to monitor any changes in behavior in a patient on any of the following: Celexa, Effexor, Lexapro, Luvox, Paxil, Prozac — generically sold as Fluoxetine, Remeron, Serzone, Wellbutrin and Zoloft.

The new labels will include typical behavioral patterns that can accompany suicidal con-

duct.

Aside from worsening depression, WebMD lists anxiety, panic attacks and hostility as possible symptoms. If any of these changes appear, treatment needs to be evaluated.

According to the AP, the FDA issued a warning last year regarding the use of antidepressants in pediatric cases of suicide, though proof is still needed

to confirm that drugs are responsible.

The decision for the bolder labels come after the FDA met last month with loved ones of suicide victims. While it cannot be assumed that these persons took their lives due to medication, it is wise on the part of the FDA to implement such a rule that might help any potential losses in the future.

## Perception is key to understanding



PETER KUEBECK

Opinion Columnist

Letting my mind wander not too long ago, I found myself thinking about clichés — you know, old phrases like "you can't teach an old dog new tricks" or "the apple doesn't fall far from the tree" or even newer, run-into-the-ground phrases like "Can you hear me now?" and "Is that your final answer?"

As I thought about these things, mentally following these phrases backward in time, it dawned on me that clichés weren't always clichés: at one time they were new and fresh, they spoke to people and were commonly used because of a sort of truth or relevance to life that people saw in them. At one time, they were original; more than that — at one time, some of these phrases were revolutionary.

Think back to phrases, descriptions or similes that we take for granted and we really don't think of them as clichés at all. For example, who was the first person to drink a freezing sip of water from a spring and then describe to their companions "This is ice cold!"

Before that time, no one had thought of using ice and water together in the same thought, but back in the primordial development of language, how brilliant, original and revolutionary must that thinker have been considered after having made that connection?

For early peoples, such a thought (and others like "This fire is as hot as the sun," "He's

stone dead," and "Their words cut me like a knife") constituted a change in their perception of ordinary things.

Our perceptions are what make our understanding of the world what it is, and everyone has different perceptions. Think about languages: The world is full of hundreds, if not thousands, of languages — dialects, variations, derivatives and languages proper; but why are there so many languages?

Of course there are numerous theories on this subject, but language is a way of expressing perceptions, and when one culture or group of people in an area in the distant past shared a perception, their language became based idiomatically around it. You'll find expressions in one language that just won't work in another language if you translate them literally, but if you transliterate them, they'll work.

It has been written by others that language effects our perceptions because alphabets and vocabularies reflect the world-views held by the cultures who speak those languages.

Of course, in a culture, perceptions are not held uniformly by all: Everyone is free-thinking and free-perceiving. A good example of this is my art class. I'm currently taking a life drawing class in the art building, and during breaks we will all walk around and take a look at what everyone else is doing. What always staggers me is how — even though we're drawing the same model in the same pose under the same lighting conditions and (unless they're sitting on the ends) from generally the same angle — everyone's drawings come out different.

Certainly this is to some degree influenced by skill level and style, but perception also comes into play: How we look at what we're drawing is crucial to what we draw. For some people, details like hair and face and hands are the most important, and so a great deal of time is devoted to them. For others, its proportion — transcribing accurately the form, making sure that all parts correspond uniformly to the whole. For others, it's the play of the light and shadow that is most important.

Now take this line of thought and turn it back onto the world: We all look at the same world (some philosophers would argue with me on this point, but ...) with the same minds, and yet our pictures — our beliefs and ideas about the world — turn out different based on what we think is the most important.

Something that I've been trying to do for some years, and something that the BGX (BG Experience) program on campus has been helping students do for the past few years, is determine why I perceive the way I do — why do I think the things that are important to me are important?

An ancient philosopher once asserted that the unexamined life is not worth living. What he meant by that is that only through looking at ourselves and asking ourselves questions about ourselves, our thoughts and activities, can we grow.

We have to ask ourselves questions face-to-face and reach deeply and honestly for the answers. But before we can do that, we have to understand that in this world we perceive, and perception is the starting point.

## PEOPLE ON THE STREET

What is one of your favorite memories?

LINDSAY FISHER  
SOPHOMORE,  
SECONDARY EDUCATION*"I received a generous check from an anonymous person via mail."*REBEKAH GONZALES  
SENIOR, VCT*"I went to Jamaica."*SCOTT BLANCHARD  
JUNIOR, NURSING*"Wrecking two cars in three days."*MANDY DRAGON  
JUNIOR, INTEGRATED  
SOCIAL STUDIES*"Being buried in the sand when I was three."*

## Touch gloves and keep it clean men



RUSS ZIMMER

Opinion Columnist

The Bush media blitz has begun. But don't feel sorry for John Kerry. What goes around comes around.

Recently, Bush campaign aides said that an intense 90 day media attack has begun in an effort to make Kerry look weak on defense and indecisive, as well as focusing on taxes. Bush's chief political adviser, Karl Rove, plans to change the public perception of Kerry by June while interest in politics is still high.

The Bush campaign war chest dwarfs that of Kerry's. Using that advantage, they wish to define their opponent with negative, misleading ads, so numerous that he can't afford to respond to all of them.

We all know Bush can't really run on defense, taxes or good decision-making. However, that's not really the issue. Kerry is calling this the same old Republican dirty tricks and crying foul. Well, he's partially right.

Two years ago, Georgian Democratic senator and war hero Max Cleland was ousted from office when his Republican opponent ran several ads that questioned his patriotism. Just four years ago, Texas Governor George W. Bush was trailing Arizona Senator John McCain in the Republican primaries. That is until South Carolina when George W. and Mr. Rove's aides started making calls to South Carolina voters and asking them if their opinion of McCain would change if they found out he had an illegitimate child from a relationship with an African-American woman.

Bush won South Carolina. Apparently his campaign was not aware that McCain and his wife had adopted an African-American child. But what Kerry seems to have forgotten was his campaign's involvement in Americans for Jobs.

Americans for Jobs was formed last November and

began running commercials against then Democratic front-runner Howard Dean. The ad attacked Dean's stance on several issues but its most striking feature was a shot of Osama bin Laden.

His image was used to provoke questions of Dean's ability to keep America safe from terrorism. Sounds to me like the prototype for an ad Bush might run against Kerry. When in reality, the funding for the production of these commercials actually came from many Democratic candidates.

Most contributions came from Dick Gephardt's friends at the labor unions but much of it from Kerry's supporters. The head of Americans for Jobs refused to release the list of donors and by the time the list was finally disclosed, the upset victories by Kerry in New Hampshire and Iowa had already passed.

Obviously, I'm not contending that the involvement by this group in the primaries was the key to Kerry's success. It's more of a point to show that he is a savvy politician, or at least surrounds himself with those types.

They want to point fingers at the Republican party for running a smear campaign but they were guilty of involvement in another. I should add that Kerry himself cannot be directly tied to this.

His campaign claims they were in the dark about this whole situation and have removed several people on their staff who were knowingly affiliated.

I want to like John Kerry. Scratch that, I want to love John Kerry. I don't mean long walks on the beach, "diamonds are forever," etc. I want to love his platform and trust that he will be everything that ole' "G-dubs" hasn't been. He makes it so difficult when he acts like a Republican candidate.

Send all comments to:  
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## Did you know?

Lady Astor once told Winston Churchill "if you were my husband, I would poison your coffee."  
His reply was, "if you were my wife, I would drink it!"



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# Life after death gives life meaning



**JEREMY DUBOIS**

Opinion Columnist

A day has never passed when I didn't think about what happens to me after I die.

I realize that nothing on Earth lasts forever. That's why I am more concerned with eternity, rather than life as I know it now. It has long been debated what happens to a person, or that person's soul, when they perish. A lot of people believe that when someone dies, their soul goes to either heaven or hell and they spend eternity there.

The Bible describes heaven as a place with many mansions and streets of gold, whereas hell is noted for its fire and darkness.

Eternity is one of those words that I believe is hard to digest. I don't believe our minds can begin to understand the concept of eternity.

If these places do in fact exist, how does one get there? This is where things get complicated.

Any scripture from the Bible that tells its readers how they can get to heaven or hell can easily be refuted by someone simply saying that the Bible isn't true, is outdated or only part of it is historically accurate. To that I would ask what parts are true?

I have noticed this problem for quite some time. People are taking Scriptures and twisting them to make them say what they want them to say. Some of those same people don't acknowledge that certain Scriptures exist.

This is why I believe there are so many religions and denominations in the world. We all are not going to the same place and we don't all believe the same things. How can all of us be right in what we believe? We can't all be right. That is why I believe that a majority of people in this world will end up in hell.

The Bible tells us in Matthew chapter 7:13-14 to "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it."

This scripture lets us know that it is difficult to get to heaven and there will be few who make it there. On the other hand, the gate to hell is wide and there are many who go in by it.

John 3:3 states that "unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." Living like God wants us to and following the Bible's teachings isn't the easiest thing in the world. Sin, for the most part, has now become defined by the individual. What is moral and just to one person may be immoral and unjust to another.

At times, I sin and I know beforehand that what I was about to do was sin but yet, I do it anyway. Why? I don't know what else to say besides the flesh is weak. Too often our minds stay on things that probably aren't that important.

In Matthew chapter 6:25, Jesus said, "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what

you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?"

Everyone needs money here on earth, but the love of money is the root of all evil (1 Timothy 6:10). When we die, nothing we have on earth will come with us to eternity. I believe that if we keep our minds focused on what we ought to be doing, then we'll all be better people.

I've often asked myself what is life without life after death and I realize the answer — nothing. It would be a waste of time because everyone had their chance to live properly.

Life to me seems like one big test. What lies within our hearts and our actions determine where we end up. We've all sinned, and everyone, according to Isaiah 9:17, is a hypocrite. It has been said that you're only scared to die if you aren't living properly.

Jesus Christ and His word, which is the Bible, is the answer to every problem this world faces. I believe that we are living in Revelations. It is crucial that we all have faith in these last days and times.

There are people everywhere denying that Jesus Christ exists and that the Bible is true.

Some people have to learn the hard way. Nasir Jones once said that the greatest lesson ever learned has yet to be taught. I believe that lesson will be taught on Judgment Day.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Hate speech needs to be stopped now

Every Thursday in my English 112 class, we do a synthesis exercise on a chosen topic in order to strengthen our writing and ideas. The topic this past Thursday was same sex marriage — a very sensitive topic for many people.

After I read my synthesis the instructor chose a student to share her ideas. The student expressed her opposition to same sex marriage using the bible as her explanation.

Although I disagree with her opinion, I realize she should be able to express her opinion and so should anyone else. The part that outraged me was when she

said people who condone this behavior, as well as the faggots and lesbians, are sick.

I was absolutely shocked that someone would be this insensitive by using hate speech, especially in class where it is forbidden by University policy. The student was not reprimanded by the instructor, which shocked me even more.

I started to wonder what would have happened if someone used different hate speech such as nigger or chink. Any hate speech should be immediately addressed as it is extremely unnecessary, offensive and threatening.

Hate speech breeds hatred towards specific groups of people. By not addressing this language, people are saying it is OK. Instructors especially should pay attention to this in the classroom

since they are the authority in class and will most likely be taken more seriously.

Nobody should feel threatened, uncomfortable and offended because of someone's ignorance and insensitivity. It is very unfortunate that this type of language is still being used and it needs to be stopped.

This type of language causes fights between individuals and groups, makes people feel uncomfortable and threatened and shows an inability to accept others.

When you hear people using hate speech, tell them why it is not tolerated. There is still a lot of work to be done and educating people is a great place to start. Stop the hatred.

**HEATHER PERNE**  
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# Browns sign free agent guard Garmon

BEREA, Ohio — Free-agent guard Kelvin Garmon agreed to terms on a three-year contract yesterday with the Cleveland Browns, the team's first off-season move to improve its offensive line.

Financial terms were not immediately available.

Garmon is the first lineman the Browns have added in free agency after losing starters Shaun O'Hara and Barry Stokes, who both signed with the New York Giants.

"The Browns have been very persistent," said Garmon's agent, Drew Pittman. "The [Detroit] Lions were in the mix, too. We feel very comfortable with the Browns. It ended up being a good fit."

The 6-foot-2, 350-pound Garmon started all 16 games last year at left guard for San Diego, clearing the way for LaDainian Tomlinson, who rushed for 3,328 yards over the past two seasons.

Garmon, a seventh-round draft pick by Dallas in 1999, was traded to the Chargers in 2002 after making five starts for the Cowboys that season.

Also, the Browns have been talking to free-agent linebacker Warrick Holdman, who was released earlier this month by the Chicago Bears.



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## FINALLY, BG OPENS HOME SLATE



Mike Metzger BG News

**PITCHING IN A WIN:** Bowling Green freshman Alan Brech hurls in yesterday's home-opening win over Xavier. Brech pitched two innings and gave up two runs on two hits.

## BG beats Xavier in extra innings Reimold's RBI single wins it

By Jayme Ramson  
SPORTS EDITOR

After a 10-day layoff, the Bowling Green baseball team needed an extra inning to win their delayed home opener at Warren Steller Field yesterday, 4-3 over Xavier.

Nolan Reimold's bases-loaded single in the bottom of the 10th capped the Falcons' come from behind win.

Xavier scored the first runs of the game in both the second and third innings. The Musketeers added a third run in the top of the seventh before Bowling Green scored their first and second runs of the game in the bottom half of the inning.

The Falcons had a hard time getting the offense going, getting only three hits off of Xavier starter J.T. Schultz.

Eric Lawson led off the game with a double but was thrown out trying to stretch the hit into a triple. After that, Schultz was dominant.

"Schultz did a good job. He threw strikes, but I don't think we were as patient as we needed to be, and I think our guys were a little bit anxious against him and tried to yank the ball and that's exactly what he wanted us to do," BG coach Danny Schmitz said.

When reliever Daniel Graham replaced Schultz in the seventh, BG seemed to find their swings.

Reimold led off with a base hit to center field, then first baseman Steve Raszka hit a two-run homer, his first of the season, to cut into Xavier's lead. The Falcons tied it up in the bottom of the eighth when Reimold

knocked a grounder to third base with the bases loaded for his second hit of the game.

Bowling Green reliever Neil Schmitz pitched three innings of scoreless relief for the Falcons, allowing one hit and one walk, striking out six. Schmitz was one of five pitchers that saw action for BG.

Starter Tyler Sanesholtz extended his streak to 17 innings without allowing a run, setting down the Xavier batters in order in the first inning.

"Our pitchers did a good job. They threw the ball very well," Schmitz said. "It kind of showed that we really haven't played in 10 days as far as our hitters because I thought early in the game we did not swing the bat at

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## Okafor, Nelson head AP awards

Western Michigan's Mike Williams was named to the AP's honorable mention All-American list.

By Jim O'Connell  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

There's no debate when it comes to Emeka Okafor and Jameer Nelson. They're unanimous All-Americans.

The stars at Connecticut and Saint Joseph's led The Associated Press men's college basketball All-America team yesterday, the first time since 1985 more than one player was chosen by every voter.

"It is hard to express just what it means to be recognized as one of the best players in the country," Okafor said. "Individual recognition like this is really a reflection of the great teammates and coaches that I am fortunate to work with every day."

Okafor, a 6-foot-10 junior center, and Nelson, a 5-foot-11

senior guard, earned a perfect 360 points by being picked on all 72 first-team ballots by the same media panel that votes on the weekly poll.

Each member selected three All-America teams, with players receiving points on a 5-3-1 basis.

Lawrence Roberts of Mississippi State was third with 308 points, while Josh Childress of Stanford had 235, and Ryan Gomes of Providence completed the first team with 208.

In 1985, four players were unanimous choices: Patrick Ewing of Georgetown, Chris Mullin of St. John's, Wayman Tisdale of Oklahoma, and Keith Lee of Memphis State. But only 10 people voted then.

"This is obviously a testament to both players to be unanimous selections," Saint Joseph's coach Phil Martelli said. "That is a lot of respect to be shown, and in neither case was it about hype. These two deserved it."

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## Tennis team falls in Vegas

By Jayme Ramson  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Falcon tennis team's trip to Las Vegas didn't result in wins over two of the country's tougher teams as BG fell to No. 46 UNLV 7-0 on Friday and got edged out by Middle Tennessee State, 4-3 on Sunday. The Falcons did get good results from the lower part of their lineup in the matches, along with the experience of playing nationally ranked teams and players.

"It was very, very tough competition with both teams and even though the scores don't indicate it with UNLV, we battled hard and battled to the end," BG coach Penny Dean said. "I honestly thought that Susie [Schoenberger] and Lisa [Maloney] at No. 1 doubles, even though they lost 8-4, played one

of their best doubles matches of the year."

Schoenberger and Maloney teamed up again against Middle Tennessee State, but fell 8-4 to Manon Kruse and Carlen Venter.

The weekend's only wins came from the fourth, fifth and sixth flights against MTSU as Ashley Jakupcin defeated Emily Vest, 6-4, 6-0; Cameron Benjamin beat Laura McNamara, 6-4, 6-7, 1-0 and Jessica Johnson defeated Jacqui Williams, 7-5, 6-1.

Dean credited those wins to Bowling Green's strength and conditioning program.

"Those were matches where we had to battle so hard for every single point, and they were long

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"I was waiting to get outdoors and do [steeplechase]."

AMBER CULP, BG DISTANCE RUNNER, WHO BLEW OFF THE FIELD IN ALABAMA OVER THE WEEKEND



Mike Metzger BG News File Photo

**WIN:** BG's Amber Culp won the 3,000 steeple in Alabama.

## Culp's steeplechase win paces track team

By Danielle Tanner  
SPORTS REPORTER

The BG women's track team opened their outdoor season in Tuscaloosa Ala. last weekend by scoring 18 points in the Alabama Relays, which was good enough for a share of seventh place. Troy State University and University of Tennessee-Chattanooga tied BG with 18 points apiece. Alabama scored 54 points to edge out Western Michigan (52) and win the meet for the second straight

year. Alabama Birmingham, with 42 points, rounded out the top three.

Distance runner Amber Culp had the lone first-place finish for the Falcons. Culp had the only time under 11 minutes in the 3000 meter steeplechase, winning the event in 10:58.55. Her time is the third best in school history and narrowly missed the NCAA qualifying time of 10:57.18.

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## No stopping Indians' Vizquel

By Tom Withers  
AP SPORTS WRITER

WINTER HAVEN, Fla. — Omar Vizquel isn't your typical soon-to-be 37-year-old. Doesn't dress like one, act like one and — for the most part — he doesn't play like one.

On Cleveland's roster full of kids, the fun-loving Vizquel is the big brother who never wants to grow up.

But time is catching up with the Indians' Gold Glove-winning shortstop, who coming off the most injury-plagued season of his career is in his 11th spring training camp with Cleveland.



Duane Burleson AP Photo

**POPULAR:** Omar Vizquel, a long-time fan favorite in Cleveland, signs autographs at spring training.

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# Xavier hot in Sweet 16

By Terry Kinney  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — The Xavier Musketeers were booed on their home court in January. That seems like such a long time ago.

After three straight losses left Xavier at 10-9, the Musketeers have won 15 of 16 games. They have deposed the top-ranked team in the nation, swept the Atlantic 10 tournament by winning four games in four days, rallied from double-digit deficits twice in the NCAA tournament and are on their way to the Atlanta regional semifinal to play No. 12 Texas (25-7).

It is Xavier's first time in the round of 16 since 1990 and only the second time ever. It is not the time to reflect on January or worry about Friday's game in the

Georgia Dome.

"If we look ahead or look behind, we get all screwed up," coach Thad Matta said yesterday. "When you think of what this team has been through, we've had to be in survival mode all year."

It was a 71-69 victory over cross-town rival Cincinnati, then ranked at No. 10, that started Xavier (25-10) on its way. Soon, the Musketeers were beating teams that beat them earlier in the season — Richmond, Dayton, George Washington and, in the conference tournament, No. 1 St. Joseph's.

The turnaround would be enough to make some teams giddy.

"I think we understand to some extent what's going on,"

said senior guard Lionel Chambers. "But the season's not over, and we're not ready to celebrate yet."

"There's still a couple weeks of basketball left, and we just want to be there until the end."

Chalmers is Xavier's top scorer, averaging 16.7 points a game. Another senior, Romain Sato, is right there, averaging 16.2 points.

Sato is the only active player in Division I with more than 1,900 points, 800 rebounds and 200 assists. He said the Musketeers are living the one-game-at-a-time cliché.

"When we win, that's when we think about the next game," Sato said.

He remembers what it was like in January.

"When we were 10-9, people

said we can't even make the NIT," Sato said. "But coach never lost confidence in us. That's when we started focusing on one game at a time."

It is the hard times that led to the good times, Chalmers said.

"When you're down and you get up, you understand what it takes," said Chalmers, who had a career-high 31 points in Xavier's 89-74 victory over No. 8 Mississippi State on Sunday. "This team has been at a low point, and we don't want to get to that point again."

Xavier relies heavily on its seniors. Sato averages nearly 37 minutes a game, and Chalmers nearly 35. They share the school record for NCAA tournament scoring with 123 points apiece in seven games.



Tom Uhlman AP Photo

**HERE OR THERE:** Xavier coach Thad Matta answers a question at a news conference yesterday. His Musketeers have won 15 of 16 games entering this weekend's game against Texas.

## Lidle to be Reds' Opening starter

Reds manager Dave Miley surprised some when he named Lidle the starter.

By Joe Kay  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SARASOTA, Fla. — The newest member of the Cincinnati Reds' rotation has moved to the front of the line.

Right-hander Cory Lidle will start the Reds' season opener on April 5 against the Chicago Cubs, the first time that the 31-year-old pitcher has received such an honor in the majors.

"Obviously here it's a bigger deal," Lidle said yesterday, after manager Dave Miley announced his choice. "It's not hard to be the opening day guy in Little League or high school, but it's an honor to do that in the big leagues and I'm proud of it."

Miley picked Lidle over holdovers Jimmy Haynes and Paul Wilson. Lidle, 31, signed a one-year contract for \$2.75 million as a free agent from Toronto, where he went 12-15 with a 5.75 ERA last season.

Lidle pitched in the playoffs for Oakland in 2001 and 2002 but hasn't received such a prominent place in a team's rotation. His only other moment in the spotlight came in 2001, when he started one game against the New York Yankees in the playoffs and lost.

"I think it will feel a lot like (that)," he said. "I handled that pressure pretty good. I will feel somewhat the same. I think I'll be able to stay calm and go about my everyday business."

Few starting pitchers are able to treat an opener in Cincinnati like an everyday thing. The city holds a parade through downtown before the game, which is always sold out.

Tickets for this year's game were gone in 16 minutes, the fastest opening day sellout in team history.

"I know they didn't sell out in 16 minutes because of me, though," Lidle said.

The Cubs plan to start Kerry Wood at the front of a rotation that includes Mark Prior and Greg Maddux. The Reds' rotation is still in flux less than two weeks from the start of the season.

Haynes started the inaugural game at Great American Ball Park last year. Pittsburgh batted around in the second inning of its 10-1 victory, which marked the beginning of a tough season for Haynes.

He lost his first four starts before going on the disabled list with a bulging disc in his lower back. He started only 18 games last season, going 2-12 with a 6.30 ERA.

Tests detected weakness in his back when he showed up for spring training, so the Reds put him on a strengthening program and held him back. Miley is waiting to see how the back holds up before deciding where to put him in the rotation.

He could be the fifth starter at the outset, which means he wouldn't have to pitch until the second week in the season, giving him more time to build his endurance.

"If he needs that time, we could very easily do it that way," Miley said.

## Serena returns for Nasdaq Open

By Steven Wine  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. — Sidelined by knee surgery, Serena Williams spent most of the past eight months designing dresses and dabbling in acting.

Now that she's ready to get back on a tennis court, it's as if she never left: Williams will be seeded No. 1 at the Nasdaq-100 Open, which begins today.

"I really, really am excited about getting back," said Williams, the two-time defending champion at Key Biscayne. "I've been in a lot of pain watching a lot of players play when I really want to be out there."

The tournament will be her first since she won her sixth Grand Slam title by beating older sister Venus at Wimbledon in July.

Despite the long layoff, Williams returns as the favorite — thanks to a series of withdrawals. The four top-ranked women are missing, including Justine Henin-Hardenne and Kim Clijsters.

Clearly, Williams is hardly the only star who has been hurt — or even the only Williams. Venus missed the final six months of 2003 with an abdominal injury, and a sore right knee has limited her to six matches this year.

"It's been really tough for her to get back," Serena said. "We've both been working very hard, and we both plan on making a lot of noise."

With the sisters seeded 1-2 this week, they can meet only in the final. Serena has beaten Venus six times in a row.

The 32 seeded players receive first-round byes, meaning they'll play their opening matches Friday or Saturday.

No. 1-ranked Henin-Hardenne decided to skip Key Biscayne even though it is regarded by many as the most prestigious tournament outside the majors. The Belgian has won three of the past four Grand Slam events and would have been the favorite here, but she'll instead take a two-week break after winning at Indian Wells on Sunday.

The decision disappointed tournament organizers and puzzled the Indian Wells men's champion, top-ranked Roger Federer.

"I'm surprised she doesn't play it, because to me it seems like there are enough days to prepare for Miami," Federer said. "I'm going to go there for sure, that's all I can say. I think Miami's one of the nicest events of the year."

Also missing will be No. 2 Clijsters, who tore a tendon in her left wrist at Indian Wells. No. 3 Amelie Mauresmo is out with a back injury, and No. 4 Lindsay Davenport decided to join Henin-Hardenne and take a break.

Men's favorites include No. 4-seeded Andre Agassi, bidding for his seventh Key Biscayne title and fourth in a row.



Anja Niedringhaus AP Photo

**POWERFUL FOREHAND:** Serena Williams has returned to form in time for the Nasdaq-100 Open.

## Warnock, Reimold net multiple-hit games

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all. Later in the game we did a better job."

Reimold and Jeff Warnock were two of those players that contributed late in the game. The two were the only Falcons with multiple hits in the game. Reimold went 3-for-5 while Warnock was 2-for-2.

"They did a good job," Schmitz said. "Nolan had a couple of hits and the game-winner, and Jeff did a nice job. They're a couple of our key players and guys like that, along with Andy Hudak and Dave Barkholz, are guys that have got to make things happen for us."

The Falcons play Michigan State in East Lansing today at 2 p.m. Tyler Johnson will be on the mound, but Schmitz said the rest of the staff will get some innings like yesterday's game.

"That's what we had to do," Schmitz said. "Our big thing [yesterday and today] with Michigan State is try to play as many guys as we can, definitely get all of our pitchers in and just try to get everybody ready for Ball State because we open up conference this weekend."

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## Nailon with Cavs for year

CLEVELAND (AP) — Forward Lee Nailon will spend the rest of the season with the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Cleveland announced yesterday that it extended Nailon's stay with the team, which ends the regular season April 14 in New York. Should the Cavaliers make the playoffs, Nailon would be eligible to play.

The Cavaliers, which are 7-2 since signing Nailon to the first of two 10-day contracts March 3, would have had to release Nailon if they didn't sign him for the rest of the season yesterday, when his second 10-day deal ended.

In nine games, Nailon is averaging 7.6 points and 2.8 rebounds.



Tony Dejak AP Photo

**FOR THE DURATION:** Lee Nailon, left, signed with the Cavs for the remainder of 2004.

## Dean happy with her team's conditioning

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matches, but we never wore down," she said. "Physically, especially Ashley and Jessica at No. 4 and No. 6, once we won that first set, we were in just such better condition that the second set was a lot easier."

"In Cameron's match at No. 5, it was a split set thing and then they went into a tiebreaker for the third set, and I felt like physically Cameron was in such better shape than the other girl that I felt confident about her winning and she did."

The Falcons' two other doubles teams came close to wins against MTSU, with Heidi

Romer and Andrea Meister falling 8-6 to McNamara and Jennifer Klaschka and Benjamin and Jakupcin losing to Vest and Ana Maria Cibils, 8-5.

"It was a good experience," Dean said of the trip. "I think that we can do nothing but get better from playing good competition, and really I didn't feel that these two teams were very tough, but I don't think they were any better than some of the top teams in our conference."

The Falcons will have a chance to see some more conference teams this weekend when they play Toledo and Eastern Michigan.

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# Beneficiaries of upsets must now avoid them



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**BENEFICIARIES?:** David Padgett and Kansas must now avoid another upset bid after benefiting from two.

By Steve Brisendine  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAWRENCE, Kan. — First, Illinois-Chicago. Then, Pacific. Next up, Alabama-Birmingham.

Lucky Kansas might just make it all the way to the Final Four without playing a team seeded higher than ninth — unless, of course, the Jayhawks become an upset victim themselves.

Go ahead and ask fourth-seeded Kansas or any other team that plays a lower-regarded squad if it feels like a favorite heading into the round of 16 at the NCAA tournament.

"I say 'Boo' to anyone who says that," Kansas guard J.R. Giddens said yesterday.

The Jayhawks — who already beat a No. 13 and a No. 12 — are trying to make it to a third straight Final Four. If Kansas beats No. 9 UAB in the St. Louis Regional on Friday, it will face

No. 3 Georgia Tech or No. 10 Nevada.

"We're going to come out like we're the underdogs," Georgia Tech center Luke Schenscher said. "We can't be complacent in any way if we're going to compete with teams like Nevada."

Someone had to knock off the higher seeds across the tournament, and now that someone — be it UAB or Alabama or Nevada — is planning to do the same thing to another favored team.

"The 16 teams left are the top 16 teams in the country," Kansas guard Keith Langford said. "The people who won are the people who are supposed to be here. I can hardly see how somebody would see this as an easy road for us, considering we've endured a season where we've had eight losses already."

This time of year, though, one loss is all it takes. So far, NCAA

upsets have wiped out seven teams seeded 1-4.

"We know what a kid who's 22 or 23 can do against a kid who's 19, or on a one-game shot what a hungry group of well-coached guys can do," said Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski, whose top-seeded team cruised to two victories in the Atlanta Regional.

"In this time of the year, a lot of teams that you face — unless they come from a really tough conference, are not beaten down physically," Krzyzewski said. "They have a good ego, and they're in pretty good physical shape."

In the St. Louis Regional, No. 1 Kentucky and No. 2 Gonzaga already are gone. In the Phoenix Regional, No. 1 Stanford, No. 3 North Carolina State and No. 4 Maryland no longer stand in Connecticut's way.

## Rango, Johnson earn MAC honors, prep for Michigan

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the mound against the Falcons. They boast 0.76 and 0.98 ERAs, respectively.

Despite early season struggles at the plate, the Falcons exploded for 28 runs at the Buzz Classic. Gina Rango was named MAC Player of the Week for her performance at the tournament. She hit three home runs and two doubles on her way to being named to the all-tournament team. Rango is batting .371 on the season with a

slugging percentage of .614. Teammate Jody Johnson was selected as the league's Pitcher-of-the-week as she held opposing hitters to a .140 average for the tournament. She is 5-2 on the season with a 2.00 ERA.

Although Ross-Shaw would like nothing more than to steal a victory, she is keeping things in perspective.

"I just want us to play good games and to play hard," Ross-Shaw said.

*"I want to go through this year and see what happens. I'd like to stay here."*

OMAR VIZQUEL, ON FUTURE IN CLEVELAND

## Vizquel getting old in Tribe uni

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And, maybe his last.

Vizquel will make \$6 million this season and has a \$5 million mutual option for 2005 that he realizes the budget-conscious club is not going to pay.

But the player whose smile lights up Jacobs Field as easily as Chief Wahoo's toothy grin remains hopeful that he'll play until he's 40 — and he'd like to do it with the Indians.

"I want to go through this year and see what happens," he said. "I'd like to stay here. I've told [general manager Mark] Shapiro that, too. I think this team has a good future and it would be nice to be a part of it. I want to try my best to stay here and retire as an Indian."

Ironically, he nearly joined the ever-growing group of ex-Indians this winter.

In December, Cleveland and Seattle agreed in principle to a trade that would have sent Vizquel, who underwent two knee surgeries last season, to the Mariners for shortstop Carlos Guillen.

But after putting Vizquel through a series of agility tests at Safeco Field, the Mariners pulled out. Vizquel has a no-trade clause in his contract and had only approved the deal because it was a chance to go home (he lives in Issaquah, Wash.) and back to the team he began his career with.

Three months later, Vizquel has no regrets about his decision other than what it could have meant.

"I never felt like I was really traded because it didn't happen," he said. "I felt a little sad it didn't because my family was looking forward to having me play at home and they were excited about that. I would have been at home for half the season."

While Seattle is his geographical home, Cleveland is where Vizquel's heart is — and where it

will always be.

His arrival in 1994 coincided with the Indians' ascent from AL laughingstocks to league power. With Vizquel at short, Cleveland won pennants in '95 and '97, six straight Central division titles and sold out 455 consecutive games at Jacobs Field.

Vizquel is the only player left who was with the Indians for the full run, which is why it would have been so hard for him to say goodbye.

"When you look back at all the years we won and everything that happened, it would have been tough to go," he said. "We've had a lot of great memories here. Those are things I'll never forget."

He'd like to put the 2003 season out of his mind.

Vizquel played in only 64 games after being in at least 136 games in each of his previous eight seasons. During a June 6 game in Arizona, he tore cartilage in his knee sliding into home plate and had surgery.

But he tried to come back too early and ended up needing a second operation in September.

Normally one of the last to arrive in Winter Haven, Vizquel was among the first this year.

He doesn't seem to be bothered by the knee. Vizquel still runs better than players 10 years younger, and the man with the Golden Gloves — he won nine in a row from 1993-2001 — can still go deep in the hole to snag a grounder.

His arm strength isn't what it once was, but a month shy of his 37th birthday, Vizquel is still one of baseball's best shortstops.

"Omar has looked strong, fit and healthy," Shapiro said. "He looks to be 100 percent."

Barring injury, Vizquel will become just the 15th shortstop to play in 2,000 games, joining the likes of Ozzie Smith, Cal Ripken and Luis Aparicio, his boyhood idol.

## Freshmen get outdoor taste

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Teammate Niki Sutor took fourth in the event.

Culp, despite not being able to run the steeplechase indoors, won by 26 seconds.

"Steeplechase is my specialty, and I was waiting to get outdoors so I could do it," Culp said. "I did drills all winter with the [steeplechase] barriers, and I think that helped a lot. It came naturally once I got into the race."

"I went out and took the lead;

that's how I like to run," Culp said. "I like to run in the lead and hold it as long as I can."

The Falcon freshman experienced their first outdoor collegiate meet and took advantage of their debut. Alyson Lee placed eighth in the javelin throw, while Lyndi Springer clocked a 1:05.58 in the 400 meter hurdles. Jumper Veronica Vance earned a ninth place finish with her jump of 11.17 meters.

After winning the Mid-American

Championship in the 60 meter hurdles, Alicia Taylor finished ninth in the event in 14.44.

The Falcons earned most of their points in the relay events. BG took fourth in the 4 x 100 meter shuttle hurdles relay. The Falcon relay teams also placed seventh in the 1600 meter, 3200 meter and 4 x 400 meter relays.

While the MAC Outdoor Championships aren't until mid-May, the Falcons will use every meet as a chance to improve before that meet. The team got their first taste of MAC

competition this weekend, running against opponent Western Michigan in Alabama. Western placed fourth in the MAC Indoor Championships and will continue to be a team to beat in the conference in the outdoor season.

BG will be back on the road for their next meet, traveling to Bluffton, Ohio, for the Bluffton Invite on April 3.

(Sports reporter Joel Hammond contributed to this report.)

## Childress named to AP first team

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Nelson, the Atlantic 10 player of the year, led the Hawks to a 27-0 record and No. 1 ranking before they lost to Xavier in the quarter-finals of the conference tournament. It was the longest such run since UNLV entered the 1991 NCAA tournament undefeated.

"It's as much about my teammates and the coaches as it is about me," Nelson said. "I share the award with them and appreciate everyone who watched Saint Joe's all year."

Nelson is the first All-American for Saint Joseph's and he leaves as the school's career scoring leader with more than 2,000 points. He averaged 20.6 points, 5.0 assists and 4.6 rebounds, while shooting 49 percent from the field, 39 percent on 3-pointers and 80 percent on free throws.

He and Delonte West were considered the best backcourt in the nation; their defense was praised as much as their offense.

Nelson is "the greatest player to ever wear a Saint Joe's uniform," Martelli said.

Okafor collected a hat trick of awards in the Big East. He was the player of the year, defensive player of the year and the

league's scholar-athlete for the second year in a row.

He averaged 18.1 points, 11.7 rebounds and a nation-leading 4.3 blocked shots while shooting 60 percent from the field. Okafor, who will graduate in May, missed three games, including two in the Big East tournament, with back spasms related to a small stress fracture.

"He does so many things that don't appear on a stat sheet," Huskies coach Jim Calhoun said. "With his defensive presence, he changes the game more than any player in college basketball."

"Both Jameer's and Emeka's teams are in the 'Sweet 16,' and they have won 59 games between them already. Obviously, Jameer's the best guard in America and Emeka's the best big guy in America. They are the two best players in America and this is a terrific honor for both kids."

From 1986-03, there was a total of only seven unanimous selections: Walter Berry of St. John's (1986), David Robinson of Navy (1987), Christian Laettner of Duke (1992), Glenn Robinson of Purdue (1994), Tim Duncan of Wake Forest (1997), Elton Brand of Duke (1999), and Jason

### ASSOCIATED PRESS ALL-AMERICANS

First team	School
Emeka Okafor, C	Connecticut
Jameer Nelson, PG	St. Joseph's
Josh Childress, SF	Stanford
Lawrence Roberts, PF	Mississippi State
Ryan Gomes, C	Providence
Second team	School
Devin Harris, PG	Wisconsin
Julius Hodge, SG	NC State
Luke Jackson, SF	Oregon
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Source: The Associated Press

Williams of Duke (2002).

Okafor, Connecticut's first All-American since Richard Hamilton in 1999, and Nelson are the only players on the first team still in the NCAA tournament. Mississippi State and Stanford lost in the second round; Providence was upset in the first round.

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## DAYTON WAREHOUSE BEING SEARCHED FOR RADIATION

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## STATE

## Outlaw gang faces prosecution

By John Seewer  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TOLEDO, Ohio — The jailed leader of the Outlaws motorcycle club oversaw a violent "rogue nation" that sold drugs throughout the Midwest in the 1990s, prosecutors said yesterday at a federal racketeering trial.

Thirteen other members of the Outlaws are accused of racketeering in a case that prosecutors hope will lead to the dismantling of the club's networks.

Defense attorneys said yesterday that the government built its case on the testimony of former Outlaws members trying to save themselves from prison.

It's the second time in less than a year that international president James "Frank" Wheeler has been on trial. He was sentenced to 16 1/2 years in prison in January for racketeering and other crimes in Florida.

The Outlaws are one of the nation's four largest motorcycle gangs, along with the Hell's Angels, the Pagans and the Bandidos. They have chap-

ters in 20 states, Europe, Canada and Australia.

In the case before U.S. District court here, prosecutors say the Outlaws sold cocaine, marijuana and LSD while threatening and assaulting rivals to protect their territory.

"In many respects, they were a nation at war," said U.S. Assistant Attorney Joseph Wilson. "The Outlaws were a rogue nation in our nation."

Wheeler, of Indianapolis, is charged with racketeering and conspiracy, conspiracy to distribute drugs including cocaine and conspiracy to use and carry firearms during drug trafficking.

He and the 13 other defendants, most of them sporting graying beards and long hair, crowded the courtroom in an area normally reserved for spectators.

Wheeler's attorney, David Doughten, told jurors to listen with skepticism to the testimony of former club members.

"When they got caught, when they

got in over their heads, the way out was to bring in other members," Doughten said. "Some of these people were essentially given their lives back."

Wheeler was little more than an administrator for the club and had marginal influence on other chapters nationwide, Doughten said.

But prosecutors said Wheeler had extraordinary control over the organization and its drug operation after he took over in 1999, when its former leader was indicted.

About 100 witnesses could be called on by prosecutors to testify, including at least five former members of the motorcycle club who acted as government agents and recorded conversations and meetings.

Attorneys for other defendants said some informants received a salary from the government and had their rent paid for cooperating with investigators.

George Gerken, representing Dayton Outlaw member David Hannum, said the government

indicted his client on the racketeering charge because of his lifestyle and the company he kept.

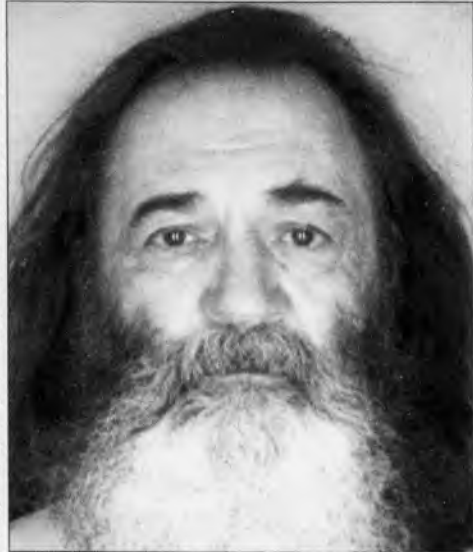
"He's not an angel," Gerken said. "I'm not asking you to approve of his lifestyle."

The probe was sparked by a tip that the Outlaws were seeking to take over a rival organization in Lima and rejuvenate its club in Toledo.

Several members of the rival group agreed to join the Outlaws, but one went to the FBI in 1997 after he was threatened because he fell behind on drug payments to the organization, Wilson said.

Others charged include Gary Hohn, former president of the Dayton chapter; John P. Walker, former president of the Indianapolis chapter; and David Mays, former national enforcer.

The indictment accuses Mays of trying to kill two rival club members in Indiana and bomb another gang's clubhouse. Several others who will be on trial were implicated in killings in Indiana and Ohio.



File Photo AP Photo

**OUTLAW:** James Lee Wheeler, President of the international Outlaws motorcycle gang, will appear in court tomorrow on racketeering charges.

## Concealed weapons laws bring change

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

County officials around the state are mulling the best way to remind people not to bring firearms into county buildings when a law takes effect next month allowing Ohioans to carry concealed guns.

Many counties are currently calculating the costs of furnishing signs for public buildings. Some are also considering bilingual warnings and others plan to revise their employee manuals because of the law which takes effect April 8.

Ohioans who apply for permits to carry concealed weapons will have to pay a fee, undergo background checks

and be trained in the use of a weapon.

"We're preparing for an onslaught," Licking County Sheriff Gerry Billy told county commissioners at a meeting on Monday. Sheriff's offices will issue the permits.

Permit holders are prohibited from carrying handguns in government buildings. Private property owners and businesses can choose to ban or permit weapons.

Delaware County officials are also studying whether they can prohibit concealed weapons in the parking lots of county buildings.

"I think there may be room [under the law] for us to put up signs in parking lots," said Delaware County Prosecutor David Yost.

In Union County, officials plan to alter the county employee manual to remind permit holders they cannot bring guns to work, said commissioner Gary Lee.

Pickaway County Administrator Dan Bradhurst said that county is considering whether to post gun-prohibition stickers in county vehicles.

*"The significant penalty of \$256,500 in this case demonstrates this administration's commitment to protecting the health and safety of American workers."*

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## Heavy fine for unsafe Ohio plant

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIAMISBURG, Ohio — An explosion at a chemical plant that forced the evacuation of about 2,000 residents has resulted in a \$256,500 fine against its owner, the federal government said Monday.

The U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration issued the fine and citations to the Milwaukee-based Aldrich Chemical Co. for failure to safely process hazardous chemicals.

About 500 homes within a mile of Aldrich's Isotec plant near this Dayton suburb were evacuated for a day after the explosion Sept. 21. Firefighters had been working with six employees to contain a nitric oxide leak when the explosion occurred.

One worker was slightly injured in the explosion, which produced a plume of yellow-orange smoke several hundred feet high and blew off part of the roof.

A spill of nitric oxide at the plant in 1998 forced an evacuation of a golf course and about 50 residents.

"The significant penalty of \$256,500 in this case demonstrates this administration's commitment to protecting the health and safety of American workers," Labor Secretary Elaine Chao said.

OSHA said the citations allege that there was a lack of written standard operating procedures for nitric oxide distillation systems, a failure to ensure the

mechanical integrity of the systems and inadequate auditing procedures.

Isotec used nitric oxide gas to produce isotopes medical researchers use to trace metabolic pathways inside the human body.

Rod Kelley, vice president of quality and safety with Aldrich's parent company, the St. Louis-based Sigma-Aldrich Corp., said Aldrich was reviewing the OSHA citations and had no immediate comment.

Aldrich has 15 days to appeal the fine.

Kelley said the company will not resume the nitric-oxide operation at the plant.

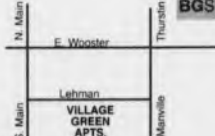
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## SPRING HAS SPRUNG

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# NATION

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## Marshall U. offers autism training

By Jennifer Bundy  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — Andrew Reinhardt is an 18-year-old college freshman who aspires to study math and physics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, yet his mother is afraid to let him cross a busy street by himself.

Her fear is justified. Although Reinhardt is academically ready for college — he scored a 27 on the ACT and had a combined SAT score of 1140 — Asperger's Syndrome makes it difficult for him to cope with daily life.

He doesn't like crowded rooms. When he goes somewhere, he is single-minded, walking quickly with his head down, body leaning forward as if into a strong wind. He sometimes pays no attention to what's going on around him, heightening his mother's fear of him crossing streets.

At Marshall University, Reinhardt has trouble taking tests in a classroom because he is irrepressibly distracted by lawnmowers outside the window and students who may finish before he does. He misplaces things like books and pencils — he can go through dozens of pencils in a semester. And he avoids working on projects with other students because he feels like they hold him back and do sloppy work.

He is able to attend college with the help of a program at Marshall's Autism Training Center which works with autism spectrum disorders like Asperger's, a neurobiological condition characterized by normal intelligence and language development with deficiencies in social and communication skills.

While many colleges have counselors and staff familiar with autism, only Marshall has a pro-

gram tailored for autistic students. The program serves three of the university's 16,360 students and may eventually accommodate 10.

It will remain small by choice. The goal is not for all students with autism to attend Marshall, but for the program to become a model for other colleges, said Barbara Becker-Cottrill, the center's director.

"The true goal is for students to have the ability to attend the university of their choice. Our work will be working with other universities on how to establish a program such as this on their own campuses."

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**MEETING THE CHALLENGE:** Marshall University Autism Training Center students David Fair, left, Andrew Reinhardt, center left, and Lowell Austin, front center, are shown with Autism Training Center program assistants Kristen Palmer, center right, and Lara Wilson on campus in Huntington, W.Va.

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## National pledge goes to Supreme Court

By David Kravets  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — The historic challenge to the words "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance might never have reached the Supreme Court if not for a collision of faith between two parents — one an atheist, the other a born-again Christian.

Normally, the personal sagas of the parties in a Supreme Court case are just a footnote to the constitutional principles. But the clash between the parents threatens to derail the entire case, which will be heard by the high court yesterday.

The case was brought by Michael Newdow, an atheist who

does not want his 9-year-old daughter exposed to the phrase "under God," which Congress inserted in 1954 in a Cold War expression of abhorrence of godless communism.

The girl's mother, Sandra Banning, is a born-again

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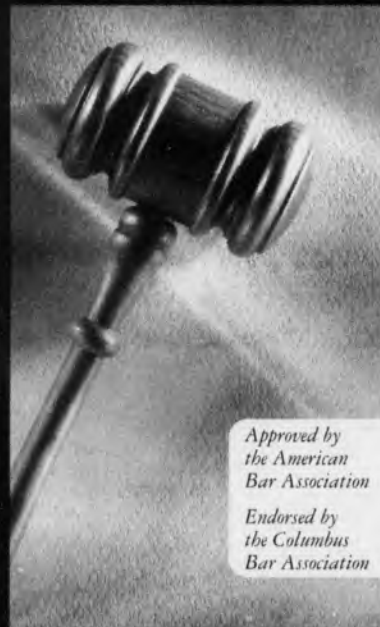
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# Custody could affect ruling

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Christian locked in a bitter custody dispute with Newdow, whom she never married. Backed by former Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr, she has told the justices that her daughter has no objection to reciting "under God" in school each day.

Should the justices wish to sidestep the church-and-state issues, the custody quarrel between the former lovers presents them with an easy out. They may just decide that Newdow, because he did not have custody

at the time, could not sue without the mother's consent, and dismiss the case outright.

"This custody issue could be a stumbling block on the way to getting an answer," said Douglas Kmiec, a constitutional law expert at the Pepperdine University School of Law. "It's clear the law gives Newdow a right as a parent to instruct his daughter in what he believes about the world, but what the law doesn't give a parent is the right to unilaterally veto what the other parent believes about the world."

In an explosive ruling in June 2002, the San Francisco-based 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, the nation's most liberal appellate court, declared that reciting the pledge in public schools in unconstitutional because the words "under God" amount to an endorsement of religion.

The ruling spun heads from California to Washington. If upheld, the ruling would overturn 50 years of common practice in America's schools.

Last October, the Supreme Court justices announced that

they wanted to hear more about whether Newdow had legal standing.

"How weird it is, that standing on a case may ultimately determine the pledge case, that it depends on quirky domestic relations," said Vikram Amar, a Hastings College of the Law scholar.

The acrimony between Banning and Newdow is intense. They could not agree whether the fourth-grader in the Elk Grove school district could attend the Supreme Court arguments.

# Student's goal, "next Einstein"

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\$4,472 for those living outside West Virginia.

"I want to be the next Albert Einstein," he said with an enthusiastic smile. "I come up with all these physics ideas all the time. I know they don't work because I don't have the education behind them. I haven't taken the calculus-based physics yet."

He has wanted to go to college since he was in elementary school. But, as he relaxes in the center's lounge, he observes, "I probably wouldn't go to college at a place that didn't have a place like this."

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As proof of the center's success, Reinhardt made the Dean's list with a 3.6 GPA after his first semester. He has been hired as a math tutor this spring.

There's no way to measure how many college students have forms of autism. Many go undiagnosed or are simply perceived

as "a little bit strange," said Lars Perner, an assistant professor of marketing at San Diego State University who has Asperger's Syndrome.

Some studies suggest autism might affect at least 40 per 10,000 U.S. children. That's 10 times higher than estimates a decade ago, which many scientists think

reflects better diagnosis. The exact cause is unknown.

"Some of these students might be able to get into college because of fairly strong academic credentials and a reasonable academic showing. That may not mean they will be able to stay in college," Perner, author of a guide to selecting a college, said in a

recent issue of the bimonthly Asperger's Digest.

Autistic students often drop out or do not attempt college because they have difficulty with bureaucracy, time management and taking notes, tests and required classes not in their area of expertise, Perner said.

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**FITWELL CENTER**

**Canoeing Adventure**

**When:**  
April 18 from 7am-6pm

**Where:**  
Chain-o-Lakes State Park

**Cost:**  
\$40 for students and members

**Horseback Riding**

**When:**  
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**HELP WANTED**

Applications are being accepted for the IM Advisory Board. Applications available in the IM Office, 130 Perry Field House, or on the web. Apps due 4/10. Interviews 4/13 and 4/14.

**Fall 2004 Practicum opportunities in the IM Office for Rec and Sport Management majors. Apply in 130 Perry Field House, or on the web. Apps due 4/10. Interviews 4/13 and 4/14.**

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**Morning Session** (8:30am-9:45am or 9:45-11:00am or 11:00 am-12:15pm)

- Communications (debate, dramatics, or speech) linked with a
- Composition (three classes will be offered) linked with a
- Social Studies (American history, American government, or sociology)

**Afternoon Session** (1:45-3:00 pm or 3:00-4:15pm)

- Earth and Space Science
- Applied Mathematics
- Algebra
- Geometry
- Foreign Language (Spanish or French)

**RESIDENTIAL AIDES** -Minimum sophomore classification. Must reside in campus housing with students. Cannot be enrolled in University classes during employment period. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

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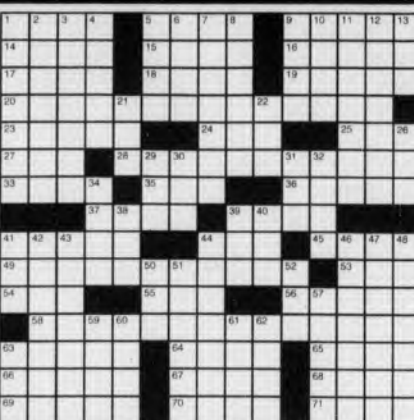
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- Beer plant
- Goes to bed
- Like a translucent gemstone
- Chalk hills along the Humber
- Soft drink
- Part of Q.E.D.
- Pillage
- Chase movie
- Jai
- Dairy product
- Practical trainees
- City near Fort Ord
- Lanka
- Price ceiling
- CSA soldier
- Some French
- Choler
- Heavy weight
- Old card game
- "of Eden"
- Las Vegas rival
- Lawn moisture
- Old cloth
- LBJ's VP
- Universal meas.
- Barth novel
- Naturally grown
- Reflects
- "Top Hat" star
- Car front decorations
- Like a family of girls
- Morgantown sch.
- Successful transplantation
- Driving spot
- Superior of a monastery
- Search for
- 4 times per yr.
- Scads
- Puts on
- Game of marbles

### ACROSS

- Hill crest
- Medieval toiler
- Out of kilter
- Stanton film, "\_\_\_ Man"
- Spoken
- Vacation vessel
- Latin & others
- Laertes or Ophelia, e.g.
- Mongolian range
- Union mutinies
- U.S. retirement act
- Sleeve card
- Divested
- Stimpy's pal
- Mineral ore of uranium
- Belgian battle site
- Nat. with Seoul
- Desert stops
- Barbara or Sir Anthony
- Greek letters
- Teatime treat
- \_\_\_jongg
- Labels

- Payload's heaviness
- Packed-house letters
- Shift dirt
- TV add-on
- Like some kitchens
- Fancy dress event
- Religious principle
- Alone
- Digestive juice
- Disney's mermaid
- Press
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